

Expectations for Blue Water Middle College students with regard to Policies and Rules at the partnering high schools and St. Clair Community College

The Blue Water Middle College Academy (BWMCA) is a unique school, because students take classes at a variety of high schools and St. Clair County Community College (SC4). Each school has their own student handbook that includes the policies, rules, and expectations students are expected to follow.

Blue Water students are expected to know, understand, and follow the policies, rules, and expectations of the high school they attend and St. Clair County Community College.

As in any school, it is important that students understand all that is expected of them and meet or exceed those expectations. Blue Water students have accepted a challenging program that requires being in class every day at the partnering high school and SC4. Failure to meet expectations of either school, especially if it results in a suspension, may significantly affect your success in the program.

The policies at each school will include, but are not limited to, attendance, behavior, acceptable technology use, and dress code. Most Blue Water students have been attending the high school for two or three years and should be familiar with the policies and rules. They are expected to refresh their awareness of what is included in the school's handbook and learn about any changes.

Students who are attending a high school that is new to them this year must obtain the school's handbook and read it carefully. Some policies and rules *will* be different than your previous school. It is the responsibility of the student to learn those differences and meet the expectations in their current school.

SC4 policies, rules, and available student services are included in SC4 catalog available online at <http://catalog.sc4.edu>. These will be new to Blue Water students, so they will be discussed during orientation and Friday afternoon Student Success sessions so that all students are aware of them.

Policies specific to certain programs, such as TEC, will be shared with students for whom those policies apply.

Consequences for not meeting expectations in any of the BWMCA partnering schools, including SC4, will be determined by the partnering school. BWMCA administrators will be notified and will work with staff from the partnering high school to help the student avoid similar issues in the future.

BWMCA students who fear they may not be meeting the expectations at one of the partnering schools and may face consequences if it continues are encouraged to contact Blue Water staff, so they can work proactively with the partnering school staff and parents to look for solutions to the problem.